REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the consideration given the present application. Claims 1-6, 9 and 12-20 are currently pending. Claims 1, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15 have been amended and claims 7, 8, 10 and 11 have been cancelled through this reply. Claims 1 and 15 are independent. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims in light of the amendment and remarks presented herein, and earnestly seek timely allowance of all pending claims.

Interview Summary

Applicants thanks the Examiner for granting a personal interview with the applicants' representative on September 3, 2008. The substance of the interview is made part of the record by incorporating a summary of the interview in the response set forth below.

The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 8, 10, 11 and 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,283,854 to Sato et al. (Sato) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0125080 to Shimamura; rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sato in view of Shimamura in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,173,665 to Kawasaki; rejects claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sato in view of Shimamura in view of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-051872 to Iida; and rejects claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sato in view of Shimamura in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0036365 to Kuroda; and rejects claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sato in view of Shimamura in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,259,470 to Koizumi. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "a display device displaying a picture taken from the perspective of the camera and arranged at the first surface of said first body on the same side as said camera, wherein the camera is fixed to said main body such that an optical axis of said camera extends in a direction from a direction perpendicular to a display surface of said display

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device and the optical axis of the camera extends in a direction different from a direction perpendicular to the second surface." Independent claim 15 recites similar subject matter. The applied references fail to teach or suggest the recited features of independent claims 1 and 15.

As discussed and as acknowledged during September 3, 2008 personal interview, the applied references, alone or in any combination, fail to teach or suggest the recited features of independent claims 1 and 15.

For at least the reasons stated above, independent claims 1 and 15 are patentably distinct from the applied references. The dependent claims are at least allowable by virtue of their dependence on corresponding allowable independent claims 1 and 15.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of the claims based on the applied references is respectfully requested.
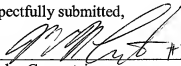

Conclusion

Each issue raised in the Office Action of July 28, 2008 has been addressed and it is believed that claims 1-6, 9 and 12-20 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-6, 9 and 12-20 is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact Obert H. Chu (Reg. No. 52,744) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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